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SY CHANNEL - PANAMA FOR RSO AND RSS; DEPT FOR A/SY/DO AND
A/SY/FO FROM RSO MYERS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

1. DURING VISIT OF GAO TEAM TO MEXICO CITY 5/1-5/13/78
TO CONDUCT GAO REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF COUNTER-TERRORISM
MEASURES, TEAM MEMBER HENRY AVALOS QUERIED RSO AND EMBASSY
C&R SECTION SEVERAL TIMES CONCERNING TWO CONFIDENTIAL RAND
TERRORIST STUDIES HE STATED HAD BEEN POUCHED TO HIM BY
GAO PROJECT MANAGER, JOSEPH DIGIORGIO FROM WASHINGTON.
STUDIES DID NOT ARRIVE AT EMBASSY DURING TEAM'S VISIT.

2. ON 5/25/78, MEXICAN POSTMAN DELIVERED YELLOW MANILA
ENVELOPE TO EMBASSY. OUTER ENVELOPE WAS ADDRESSED TO MR.
L. ZANARDI AND MR. H. AVALOS, GAO REPRESENTATIVES, C/O
AMERICAN EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, FROM GENERAL
ACCOUNTING OFFICE, INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, RM 4824, 441
G. STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548. OUTER ENVELOPE
BEARS U.S. GOVERNMENT INDICIA BUT NO STAMPS. OUTER ENVE-
LOPE BEARS REGISTRY NUMBER 78963 AND POSTMARK 4/28/78,
USPO WASHINGTON, D.C., REG. DIV. A RETURN RECEIPT (FORM
3811) TO BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING
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OFFICE, 411 G. STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. IS TAPED TO
THE REVERSE OF THE OUTER ENVELOPE. OUTER ENVELOPE BORE
NO SECURITY CLASSIFICATION. OUTER ENVELOPE
ALSO HAD NYLON TAPE COMPLETELY SURROUNDING ENVELOPE
COVERING UPPER FLAP AREA. HOWEVER, ONE SIDE OF ENVELOPE
WAS UNGLUED AND STAPLED TOGETHER WITH ONE STAPLE. WORD
CONFIDENTIAL COULD BE SEEN ON INNER ENVELOPE THROUGH OPEN

SIDE FLAP.

3. RSO CUT NYLON TAPE, REMOVED STAPLE ON OUTER ENVELOPE AND REMOVED INNER MANILA ENVELOPE. INNER ENVELOPE BEARS STAMPED CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL AND HAS NYLON TAPE SURROUNDING UPPER FLAP. INNER ENVELOPE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN OPENED AS DOES OUTER ENVELOPE. RSO FEELS IT LIKELY MEXICAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS OPENED OUTER ENVELOPE FOR INSPECTION AND RESEALED IT WITH STAPLE. WHETHER INNER ENVELOPE OPENED BY CUSTOMS WOULD BE PURE CONJECTURE.

4. BOTH ENVELOPES BEING POUCHED RSO PANAMA.

5. RSO FEELS INNER ENVELOPE PROBABLY CONTAINS THE TWO STATE DEPARTMENT SPONSORED RAND STUDIES BEING MAILED TO GAO TEAM AT MEXICO CITY. LUCEY

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